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25X1 9. [] Accompanied Carl Duckett, DDS&T, who briefed Senator Stuart Symington, in response to the Senator's request, on the Soviet "pop-up" ICBM launch techniques. Symington was particularly interested in when we first called this to the attention of our Subcommittees and Duckett promised to provide him with a written response to this question as soon as we could review our records.

In response to my question about how best to respond to Senator James Abourezk's 20 August letter to the Director complaining of CIA "assassinations, take-over activities and other odious actions" etc, Symington suggested that the Director and I might call on Abourezk and try to explain to him informally our policies regarding such matters and also the procedures by which any covert action missions are assigned only by or with the approval of higher authority.

25X1 10. [] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, called to say that Senator Lowell Weicker's office had called to check on whether Helms had ever testified before our Appropriations Subcommittee on which of the "Plumbers" were past or present Agency employees or agents. I said I would check the records and let him know.

I told McConnell of our query from Senator Abourezk about Agency covert activity and McConnell said he didn't know Abourezk personally but he would check with Stan Kimmitt who did. See Memo for Record.

25X1 11. [] Brad Manson, Anti-trust and Monetary Subcommittee staff, Senate Judiciary Committee, who is doing research at the National Archives, called to ask whether there were any classified Agency documents in the Foreign Economic Administration Record Group 169. After checking with [] Agency representative to the Archives, I advised Manson that he should proceed with his research and if any classified Agency documents came up, the decision to declassify them could be made at that time. He thanked me for this assistance.

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